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FREEHOLDERS TO PRESENT MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS

(SALEM, NJ) - Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, announced today that the Salem County Freeholders will host a Military Service Medal Ceremony on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 pm. at the Davidow Hall at the Salem Community College in Carneys Point, NJ

"I appreciate all the efforts of our servicemen/women in keeping this country free and the citizens of Salem County safe. These award ceremonies are just a small token for the tremendous sacrifices made by our veterans." said Freeholder Bobbitt. "It is our goal to eventually honor every veteran in Salem County."

The Salem County Military Service Medal was created to express the County's gratitude by honoring its residents who have served on active duty with any branch of the United States Regular Active Armed Forces and were separated under honorable conditions. Additionally, applicants must have served on active duty for 180 days or more in order to qualify. Exception to the 180 day rule will apply to Reservist and National Guardsmen who were called up for active duty for support of operations in South West Asia or any veteran who was discharged because of a non-pre-existing medical condition. Applications must be received by Friday, October 21, 2011. The County will hold over any applications received after that for next years' presentation.

Applications can be picked up in Penns Grove at the Borough Hall, Carneys Point at the Tax Office, Pennsville at the Registrar of Vital Statistics Office, Elmer at the Public Library, Hancocks Bridge at the Municipal Building, Pittsgrove at the Municipal Building, Pilesgrove at the Tax Office or the Lobby of the Salem County Court House located at 92 Market St., in Salem. In case of changes to the date and/or location the Public will be notified. For more information call Michael Smith at 856-769-7510 ex 8603.

"Freedom is not free," said Freeholder Bobbitt. "Our service medal recognizes the sacrifices of our men and women who served in the Armed Forces who have advanced the cause of freedom."